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# Fairview Community Primary School

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## Weekly newsletter – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

We are a nut free school – Please do not send your child into school with anything that contains nuts

### Head teacher's message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Term 4 and I hope this letter finds you well! I am excited to share some wonderful updates about the fun activities and achievements our children have been involved in lately.

Our Year 2 students had an absolute blast at the Great Fire of London workshop. They bravely tackled putting out the Great Fire of Fairview and even got to bake some bread in a replica bakery! It was a fantastic hands-on experience that brought their history lessons to life.

Year 4 classes enjoyed a trip to Canterbury Museum, which really added to their understanding of local history. Trips like these are a great way to learn outside the classroom and make those connections.

In terms of sports, our Year 1, 2, and 4 students showed off their skills at the multi-skills festival—what a great display of teamwork! Our cross-country team recently competed in their fifth fixture and showed incredible dedication. A special shout-out goes to our boys' football team, who won a trophy from Gillingham Football Club for their fantastic performance in the local tournament. They're now gearing up for the Regional final in Swindon later this month—let's cheer them on!

Thank you for all your support during World Book Day! The children looked amazing in their costumes and had a great time with the reading activities we organised. Don't forget, the Travelling Book Fair is here—pop along if you can; it's a great chance to grab some new reads!

Professional meetings are also happening regularly. Our Quality of Education Governor Committee met recently, and Mr Harris (Assistant Headteacher and Assessment Lead) shared the end-of-term data with the Governors, who asked some thoughtful and challenging questions.

Lastly, a huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA! They've been busy finalising the events calendar for the rest of the year, and their support means so much to our children and school.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Mrs K Tillett

Headteacher

### Whole school attendance and punctuality

**The whole school attendance target is 96% set by the Department for Education. Our attendance for the year, so far, is 95.72%.**

**Please report all absences via Parentmail.** If we do not receive a reason for absence, we will call you to find out why your child is not in school, following this up with a Parentmail.

## **Important information...**

### **Parents evenings booking**

Don't forget that the booking for March's parent evenings goes live on Parentmail on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm.**

### **Year 6 Leavers Hoodies**

Just a reminder that payment for Year 6 leavers hoodies and t-shirts is due 9am on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

### **Grapes**

If you are going to provide your child with grapes for a snack or as part of their lunch, please can we suggest that these are cut, ideally, in half lengthways. Grapes are the third most common cause of death in food-related accidents (Guardian newspaper). The size and shape of them can completely block a child's airway.

### **Casual cleaner vacancy**

We have a vacancy for a casual cleaner within school, if you are interested or know someone who may be, please contact Julie Trundle.

### **Child centred policing**

Kent Police have dedicated child centred policing team who work in educational settings and surrounding communities. Attached to this newsletter is a flyer explaining who they are and what they do.

### **Data Collection Sheets**

You might remember that we sent out data collection sheets recently. If you haven't already done so, please can you complete and return these to the school office. This will ensure that we have up to date information for your child's home address and contact numbers.

### **Eco Squad Amazon wish list**

Our Eco Squad work very hard to ensure the wildlife that visit school are well looked after. Mr Hammett has created an Amazon wish list of items that would really make a difference.

**Wish list link:** <https://amzn.eu/8oJPV8Y>

### **KM My Mum 2025**

The KM will be printing their special Mother's Day supplement the week ending 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025. Special drawings from children in Year R, Year 1 and Year 2 will be found in the supplement in newsagents as well as online.

### **Swimming – Dolphins & Foxes**

Just a reminder that swimming for Dolphins and Foxes starts on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025**. Swimming will take place every Wednesday up to and including 7<sup>th</sup> May 2025. With a break for the half term.

If you haven't already done so, please can you complete and return the swimming consent form and make payment via Parentmail.

### **Music donation requests**

Does anyone have a music stand that they no longer need and would like to donate to school? We are in need of some extra ones for our instrumental group teaching and would really appreciate any donations.

Our school piano has recently been fixed and tuned and is in need of a cover. Is there anyone out there who has the sewing skills to help us and would be happy to make us one?

### **Are you a painter & decorator? Do you have an afternoon to spare?**

We have been gifted a wall mural from a mural company for our medical room, but it needs hanging! We are absolute novices at wallpapering so were hoping one of our talented parents may be able to help. If you could spare a few hours hanging the mural we would be really grateful. Below is a picture of the artwork, and how it will look in situ.



### **Tissues donation**

It's the time of year for coughs and colds, and we are getting through boxes of tissues like they are going out of fashion! We would be really grateful for any donations of tissue boxes.

### **Before school**

Please can we remind you that before school starts, children are not to play on any equipment or play ball games. The playground areas are busy and some children are not supervised, therefore these activities are not appropriate at this time.

### **Appointments**

We are seeing an increase in children being collected early from school. Whilst we appreciate these appointments cannot be avoided sometimes, we do ask that where possible you book appointments outside of school hours. Please can you also provide us with booking confirmation/appointment letters when notifying school.

### **Medicines in school**

We are always happy to administer prescribed medicines, when necessary, once a day. If you require us to do this, please come to the office to fill out a consent form.

Please **DO NOT** send any medicines into school with your child. This poses a risk to all children.

### **Children's birthdays**

Don't forget children can wear their own clothes to school on their birthday, or if their birthday falls in a holiday or weekend, on a day in the school week closest to it.

### **After Schools Clubs**

Please can we remind parents of the importance of collecting children from after school clubs on time. Office staff finish work at 4.30pm, and late collection prevents them from going home. However, we also understand that sometimes this can't be helped but please just call us to let us know.

As from September there will be a small fee of £1 per week added to all Fairview staff led clubs. This will include all choir, sport clubs etc. This is to cover increasing budget rises within school. This is with the exception of clubs such as Forest School and Arts & Crafts clubs whose fee will be slightly more to cover the cost of equipment for the weekly activities.

### **Spotlites After School Club**



During the Feb half term, three of our children that attend Spotlites after school club starred in Roald Dahl's James and the Giant Peach at Spotlites theatre in Chatham.

Mia was aunt Spiker, Esme was the earthworm and Francesca was the TV reporter.

Well done girls! Mr Riddell told us that you did an awesome job!

Your parents told us that the dedication to you learning lines over Christmas, rehearsals every Saturday along with giving up most of your half term to dress rehearsals and three shows was commendable! You are truly all superstars. Your parents are all so proud of you!

**Spotlites do have some spaces at the moment, new members can sign up at [www.spotlites.co.uk/fairview](http://www.spotlites.co.uk/fairview)**

## Sports News...

### Year 4 multi-skills festival



On 27 February twelve children from Year 4 took part in a multi-skills festival at the Howard School. They spent the morning carrying out a range of different activities testing their movement, co-ordination, balancing and aiming skills. All of the children successfully achieved the **Silver award** - an excellent performance. You should all be very proud of yourselves.

And a big well done as well to Ella and Harry L who received the endeavour award for showing good sportsmanship, having a positive attitude and demonstrating our school values throughout the morning.

Our team consisted of: Rose C, Scarlett G-S, Ella W, Emily S, Aria O, Neve J, Cooper T, Harry W, Harry L, George B, Harry R, Eli H.

### Year 2 multi-skills festival



This Thursday (6 March) twelve children from Y2 took part in a multi-skills festival at the Hundred of Hoo school. They took part in twelve different activities testing their aiming, co-ordination, movement and balance skills. What a fun and exciting morning they all had seeing if they could achieve a Bronze, Silver or Gold award!

They showed fantastic team work and determination - this led to great success with 6 Gold awards and 6 Silver awards. We are very proud of all of you.

Well done to Zane G, Theo T, Ted H, Alex C, Jaxon M, Joey N, Savannah H, Ellie L, Tehya R-C, Millie C, Chloe S, Charlotte W.

And congratulations go as well to Jaxon and Ellie who also received the Endeavour Award for demonstrating fair play, hard work and good sportsmanship.

## Cross Country



Well done to the following thirty children who took part in the cross country series over the last five months, showing great teamwork, determination and perseverance. There were five events in total. Some fantastic running over a number of different courses:

### Y4

Rowan D  
Tristan I  
Oakley B  
Joshua T  
Joel K  
Hayden T  
Phoenix G  
Katie B  
Alanna B  
Immie H-N

### Y5

Edward L  
Ethan M  
James C  
Koby S  
Ben W  
Elia B  
Alanta C  
Lily D  
Florence F  
Betsy N

### Y6

James P  
Myles B  
Jack H  
Zachary B  
Ekam C  
Lily P  
Elise M  
Freya S  
Ava M  
Elena Y

Over 300 children from 13 schools have taken part in the cross-country series, which makes our achievements today and over the whole competition even more notable!

Honours from the final race on 5 March:

Katie: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Y4 girls race  
Hayden: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Y4 boys race  
Edward: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Y5 boys race  
Myles: 1<sup>st</sup> in Y6 boys race

Y4 boys: overall 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Y5 boys: overall 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Y6 boys: overall 2<sup>nd</sup> place

The overall awards were also presented after the race on 5 March. Fairview did very well!

Overall individual awards (from all five races)

Hayden: 2<sup>nd</sup> in Y4 boys  
Katie: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Y4 girls  
Edward: 3<sup>rd</sup> in Y5 boys  
Myles: 1<sup>st</sup> in Y6 boys

Overall team awards (from all five races)

Y4 boys: 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Y5 girls: 2<sup>nd</sup> place  
Y5 boys: 1<sup>st</sup> place  
Y6 girls: 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Y6 boys: 1<sup>st</sup> place

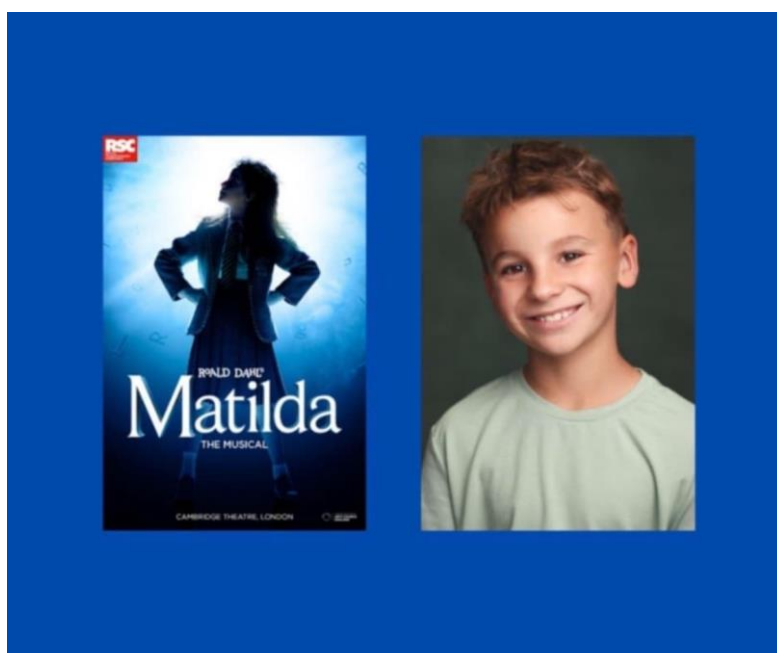
Boys combined: 1<sup>st</sup> place (retaining our trophy from last year!)  
Girls combined: 3<sup>rd</sup> place  
Overall award: 2<sup>nd</sup> place

We are very proud of each and everyone one of you!

## Community News

We love sharing the children's (and parent's) achievements outside of school, if there is anything you'd like us to share please send it to [office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@fairviewprimary.medway.sch.uk)

### West End theatrical achievement – Matilda the musical



Josh, who left Fairview in July to start secondary school has beaten hundreds of budding actors to secure a role in the cast of Matilda, at the Cambridge Theatre in London's theatre district. An amazing achievement, and all of us at Fairview are incredibly proud!

### Swimming Achievement

Well done, to Sienna and Louis Turner who achieved their next level at swimming.

### Dance Competition



Lois in Hawks took part in her first ever dance competition at Blackpool Tower Ballrooms. Her team didn't place in the finals but it was an amazing experience and now looking forward to more opportunities to compete. Well done Lois!

### London Marathon 2025

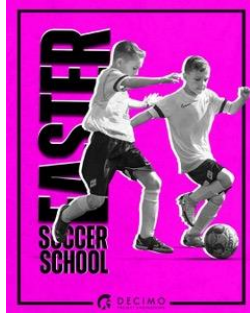
A dad of one of our Fairview children is running this year's London Marathon, raising money for Young Lives vs Cancer. If you would like to donate to this amazing cause, the links are below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/mark-krasij-1729664516649>

Mark Krasij's  
JustGiving Page



## PSA Football Academy – Easter Soccer Schools



Pro Soccer Academy will be hosting their Easter Soccer Schools this Half Term in Gillingham & Lenham.

Their discount code will be **PSACOMMUNITY10** which will provide a 10% discount on all dates for their Soccer School. This can be applied at the checkout on the dates you select.

[April Soccer School 2025](#)

## Star Pupil of the Week



Caterpillars	Millie & Daphne
Ladybirds	Reggie
Bumblebees	Holly
Dragonflies	Taelyn
Sparrows	Olive
Doves	Adalyn S (Carried over from last week) & Eva-Marie
Robins	Aliyah
Lions	Isabella
Leopards	Bertie
Tigers	Summer S
Wolves	Brody W
Hedgehogs	Olivia
Foxes	Naomi
Dolphins	Matthew
Otters	Elliot S
Turtles	School trip – Carried over
Owls	Felicity
Ravens	Zainab
Hawks	Jaxx
Crocodiles	Imogen
Zebras	Charlie
Elephants	Oliver

## Key dates and times for Events

**This section will be continually updated over the course of the year and may be subject to change.**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 (Dolphins) – Roman Museum visit
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Mayan Workshop
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Book looks – 3pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Book looks – 3pm
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Book looks – 3pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	September 25 nursery starters – Open morning
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Book looks – 3pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Utilitia Cup – Regional final – Swindon FC
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 Book looks – 3pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Year R Maths stay & play – 3-3.20pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year 4 Book looks – 3pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Swimming – Dolphins & Foxes
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Chicks arriving in Foundation Stage
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Bounce Beyond – Mini trampoline day (Years R-2)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Art workshop
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Deadline to accept/decline year 7 2025 September school place
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	PTFA Year 3, 4 & 5 Disco
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Caterpillars, year 2 & year 6 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
<b>April:</b>	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Year R, year 1 & year 3 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Caterpillars & year 4 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 6 Easter experience – St Matthews Church
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 5 Parents meetings – 9am to 12pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	All years Parents meeting – 4pm to 7pm
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	House tag day
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Last day of term 4</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Re-allocation of year 7 September 2025 begins
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Staff development day
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Term 5 starts for children</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	MYG - Netball (Plate)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 VR workshop
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	NYG - Netball (Championship)
<b>May:</b>	
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank holiday</b>
WC 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATS
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Swimming – Wolves & Hedgehogs

Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	MYG - Tag Rugby (Championship)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Educational trip to Riverside Country Park
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	MYG - Tag Rugby (Cup and plate)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	House tag day
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Last day of term 5</b>
<b>June:</b>	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Staff development day
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Term 6 starts for children</b>
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	MYG – Football (Championship)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	MYG – Football (Cup and plate)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Inclusion week
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	PGL 2025 parent meeting (Yr 6 parents)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Educational visit to Wingham Wildlife Centre
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Make music day
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day (Yrs R-6)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	PTFA Summer Fayre
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential and activity week for those children not attending
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	MYG – Cricket (Championship)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	MYG – Cricket (Cup and plate)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Educational visit to Wildwood
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	PGL 2026 parent meeting (Yr 5 parents)
<b>July:</b>	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Additional swim session
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve sports day (Yrs R-6)
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 'It's your move' – St Matthews Church
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	MYG – Athletics
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Additional swim session
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 performance to parents - 2pm & 5pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Additional swim session
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	House tag day
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 leavers disco
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 leavers service at St Matthews Church – 2pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Whole school picnic – No parents
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	<b>Last day of year 6</b>

## Term Dates for September 2024 – July 2025

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Staff development day</b>	Monday 2nd September
	<b>Staff development day</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
	<b>Term 1 begins for children</b>	<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</b>
	Term ends for children	Friday 18th October
<b>Autumn Break</b>		<b>Monday 21st October to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>

<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 2 begins for children</b>	<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>
	Term ends for children	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Break</b>		<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Staff development day</b>	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
	<b>Term 3 begins for children</b>	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>
	Term ends for children	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>February Break</b>		<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Term 4 begins for children</b>	<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>
	Term ends for children	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
	Good Friday	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
	Easter Monday	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April
<b>Easter Break</b>		<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Staff development day</b>	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
	<b>Term 5 begins for children</b>	<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>
	Term ends for children	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
	Early May bank holiday	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May
	Spring bank holiday	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Late Spring Break</b>		<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Staff development day</b>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
	<b>Term 6 begins for children</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
	Term ends for children	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July

### Term Dates for September 2025 – July 2026

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
	<b>Staff Development Day</b>	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
	<b>Year starts for children</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>
	Last day of term 1	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Autumn Break</b>		<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>

<b>Term 2</b>	<b>Term 2 starts for children</b>	<b>Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b>
	Last day of term 2	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Break</b>		<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January</b>
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
	<b>Term 3 starts for children</b>	<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>
	Last day of term 3	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>February Break</b>		<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Term 4</b>	<b>Term 4 starts for children</b>	<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
	Last day of term 4	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
	Good Friday	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
<b>Easter Break</b>		<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>
<b>Term 5</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April
	<b>Term 5 starts for children</b>	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>
	<b>Early spring bank holiday</b>	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
	Last day of term 5	<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>
<b>Late Spring Break</b>		<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b>
<b>Term 6</b>	<b>Staff Development Day</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
	<b>Term 6 starts for children</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>
	Last day of the academic year	<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>